



City Council Report

Date: October 7, 2024
To: City Council
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Subject: Extinguishing a Drainage Easement located at 4354 East Baseline Road
Council District 2

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to consider staff's recommendation to extinguish a drainage easement located at 4354 East Baseline Road.

Background

Drainage easements are dedicated to the City of Mesa to allow for the retention of storm water drainage from the public rights-of-way on private property. When an easement is no longer needed, or conflicts with new development, the City Council may extinguish the easement to provide owners with the ability to fully utilize their property. To remove an easement from a property's title, the City Council may approve a Resolution to extinguish (abandon) the easement in accordance with provisions in the Mesa City Code, Title 9, Chapter 10.

Discussion

The drainage easement requested for extinguishment was recorded in document number 1998-1022479, records of Maricopa County, Arizona. The property owner is requesting the City extinguish the drainage easement to allow for the development of a credit union with a drive thru. The property owner has dedicated a new drainage easement as part of the permit process for the new improvements. Therefore, staff has determined that the drainage easement to be extinguished is no longer needed.

Alternatives

An alternative is to not extinguish the drainage easement. Choosing this alternative will result in the property owner not being able to further develop the property as planned.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of this request is the \$750.00 processing fee paid by the owner.

Coordinated With

The Development Services and Engineering Departments concur with this request.